

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): A list* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Member be pleased to state the budget allotment for the construction of roads in the Agastisvaram taluk for these five years?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I would refer the member to the budget for those years.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state the amount spent for these roads and the amount that has lapsed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state the average expenditure on roads constructed in the Agastisvaram taluk during these five years?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Information has to be called for from the Chief Engineer.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to say whether all the roads have been given to the public for immediate use?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that now.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state how many of these roads belong to the depressed classes, that is, how many of these are used by the depressed classes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That information has also to be called for.

Ryots' Roads in South Travancore.

81. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of ryots' roads opened in South Travancore since the passing of the Ryots' Roads Rules?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Two roads, viz., (1) the road from the 3rd mile, 8th furlong of the Eraniel-Rajakkamangalam road to Vembannur village, and (2) the road from the 3rd mile, 4th furlong of the Eraniel-Rajakkamangalam road to Alur village.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state whether the particular ryots' road, that is road No. (1), has been handed over to the ryots for their use?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The member asked for information as to the number of roads that have been opened in South Travancore. That information has been given. I claim notice of the supplementary question that has been raised.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): I want to know the actual number of roads opened in the Agastisvaram taluk.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That question is answered.

The Geological Department.

32. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the present State Geologist; and

(b) the new materials that have been discovered since the appointment of the State Geologist and the number of these materials that can be worked out on a commercial scale?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) There is no State Geologist at present.

(b) The member is referred to the publications of the Geological Department, which are available in the Library attached to the Office of the Director of Industries.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (b), may I know whether the reference made to the Geological Department will give the necessary information as to the minerals which were considered and finally found out as capable of being economically worked out?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Those publications would be available in the Library.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I rise to a point of order for a ruling from the Chair. It has been the practice, even during this Session, for the interpellations being answered by giving reference to some unknown publications in some departments. Even Government *Gazettes* are referred to. They could have given the answer itself with less difficulty. There may not be half a dozen minerals. Is such a method of answering questions proper? May I request you, Sir, to make a ruling on the matter.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Will the member kindly state which rule or Standing Order is violated in respect of which a point of order is raised?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): A particular technical rule need not be violated for this. This is an encroachment upon the elementary rights and prerogative of the House. Therefore I can raise it.

PRESIDENT: The answer is perfectly simple. What you ask is that Government should sit down and make a summary of the various publications extending over a long period of time containing information on various points of greater or lesser importance. After all when you seek information you want to know where information is to be found. One of the truest forms of knowledge is to know where to find it. The Department has very kindly looked up and stated where the information could be found out. What is more, the